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SUBJECT: UGANDA: INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. FRG AMBASSADOR FROEWIS HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM KAMPALA ON AMIN'S DOMESTIC MACHINATIONS.
2. BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT AMIN IN RECENT WEEKS HAS SKILLFULLY EXPLOITED THE DISSATISFACTION PREVAILING IN THE POPULATION OVER THE CORRUPTION OF THE PRIVILEGED CLASSES AND THE ACTS OF CRUELTY COMMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF THE SO-CALLED NUBIAN GROUP (MUSTAFA, MOSES ALI, JUMA ORIS, RAMATHAN).

EVEN THOUGH AN INDEPENDENT MINISTRY OF FINANCE NO LONGER EXISTS, MOSES ALI CONTINUES TO FUNCTION AS MINISTER OF FINANCE. HIS BACKING IN THE ARMY IS APPARENTLY SO STRONG THAT AMIN CANNOT AFFORD TO DISPLACE HIM.

BOTH AMIN'S DEMAND THAT ALL CABINET MEMBERS HAND IN THEIR WEAPONS AND HIS ALLEGATION OF A DANGER FROM TANZANIA BECAUSE OF TANZANIAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS
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ALONG THE BORDER NEAR MUTUKULA MAY BE SAID TO CONSTITUTE FURTHER MOVES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER. THIS STRUGGLE HAS THUS FAR BEEN WITHOUT BLOODSHED. SHOULD AMIN SUCCEED IN HIS EFFORTS WITHOUT USING MILITARY FORCE, UGANDA WILL HAVE PASSED AN IMPORTANT TEST OF NORMALIZATION. FROEWIS. END TEXT
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